



COMMUNITY TEAM MEETING

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at the Club Inn

Present: Julia Smithers, Glenn Smithers, Fred Jones, Martin Smith, , Peter Watson, Ceri Watson, Susan Bramwell,

Apologies: Alan New, Lindsay Snell, Brian Snell, John Sanderson, Caroline Sanderson, David Boxford

1. Preston Richard (B4PR) High Speed Fibre update - Glenn

Good progress made in obtaining wayleaves - over 5,850 metres and some 52% of total network. Plus provisional consent from another 20% and over 200 expressions of interest have been registered.

The whole process is very time consuming and there are still 200 houses that have yet to be canvased. Martin and Joanna will liaise re houses in the bottom of the village but Low Park estate still needs to be tackled.

Financial investment is well short of what is required and has hardly moved in the past months .

2. Special Interest verges - Jo

There are 2 aspects to our proposals - tree thinning which would have to be done by CCC followed by underplanting by volunteers, and raking out a grass verge area to test the soil to see which flowers would flourish in that environment .However Preston Patrick Parish Council had received a letter from CCC re Health and Safety concerns relating to any volunteers working on grass verges and open spaces in the county. They are to produce guidelines and procedures which we would be expected to adhere to , so for the moment nothing can be done.

Joanna commented that she had seen a greater variety of wild flowers growing where verges had not been mowed (as requested). Contractors were currently “deep clearing” verges and Joanna expressed concerns that this work may remove too much of the brambles and undergrowth.

3. Litter Pick - Glenn

A risk assessment will be carried out before 13th October - the date set for the litter pick.

4. Community Carol Service on Friday 6th December - Glenn and Julia

Martin has organised the tree which hopefully will be larger than last year and if necessary extra lights will be purchased. Volunteers will meet on November 30th to put it up.

Julia has booked the brass band and will contact the police re traffic marshals . Andrew Atkinson will be asked to organise a gazebo to protect the band from inclement weather.

There are carol sheets from previous years and the Community choir will sing but there will be no conductor (the choir will practise a few each week) so it will be there to boost the singing rather than be a main focus.

McMillan Cancer Support is this year's charity.

There will be no refreshments this year - our thanks to Glenn and Julia who have worked very hard organising food and drink on the last 2 occasions. Perhaps next year someone will volunteer to do this, but it takes a lot of planning, time and effort .

7. AOB

None

Next meeting to be held Monday November 4th at 7.15pm in the Club Inn